

BUILD SKILLS

Crossing the Great Divide • The Most Sublime Spectacle on Earth

LITERARY ANALYSIS

Description in writing captures the sensations of sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch. Consider this example from Powell's journal:

But form and color do not exhaust all the divine qualities of the Grand Canyon. It is the land of music. The river thunders in perpetual roar . . .

Look for other examples of descriptive language that bring scenes to life. Use the chart shown to record descriptive details.

Descriptions	
Sight	
Sound	
Taste	
Touch	

READING STRATEGY

Noting spatial relationships as you read can help to clarify the size, distance, and location of features in a text. Using this information will help you form an accurate mental picture of the subject. Look for spatial relationships in these selections to gain a better understanding of the features they describe.